



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE APPLICATION OF : Carolyn Wilson, et al.
FOR : DISCHARGE LAMP HAVING
IMPROVED SHIELD
SERIAL NO. : 09/844,133
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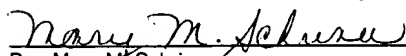
Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of the claims in the present application. However, applicants must respectfully traverse the Examiner's Statements for Reasons for Allowance. In particular, reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear his or her reasons for allowing a claim or claims." (37 CFR §104(e)(2001)). In the present case, applicant believes that the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance where a specific limitation is highlighted.

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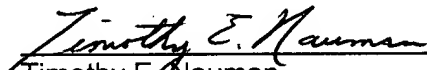

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This will potentially place an unwarranted interpretation on the claims. Such characterization of the claims in view of the prior art does not properly take into account the applicant's claimed invention as reflected in the specification, applicant's response to the Examiner's office actions, and the remaining limitations of the combination.

Further, while applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that the patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed in the claims, nor that each feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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